



*Rutherford County*  
**Pet Adoption &  
Welfare Services**

285 John R. Rice Blvd. Murfreesboro, TN 37129  
(615) 898-7740 or Fax (615) 898-7994

**ADOPTION APPLICATION**

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work /Day Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

1) Since shelter animals have unknown medical backgrounds, after this adoption is complete and you take possession of this animal, will you take the animal to a licensed veterinarian for regular checkups and any other necessary medical treatment at your expense? **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

2) How many adults live in the household? \_\_\_\_\_ How many children? \_\_\_\_\_  
Ages of children? \_\_\_\_\_

3) Are there any animals on your property, EVEN IF THEY DO NOT BELONG TO YOU PERSONALLY? **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**-If yes**, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ What breeds and names? \_\_\_\_\_

-Are your current pets spayed (female) or neutered (male)? \_\_\_\_\_

4) Have all of your dogs or cats over three months of age been vaccinated against rabies? **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, name of Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_

5) How many pets have you owned in the last five years? \_\_\_\_\_  
What happened to them? \_\_\_\_\_

6) Where will the animal be kept? \_\_\_\_\_

7) How will the animal be confined while outdoors?  
Walked /Supervised \_\_\_\_\_ Fenced Yard \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel Run \_\_\_\_\_  
Chained /Tied \_\_\_\_\_ Allowed To Roam Free \_\_\_\_\_

8) Do you: Own your home? \_\_\_\_\_ Rent? \_\_\_\_\_ Reside with parents? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you rent or reside with your parents:

Landlord/Apartment Complex/Parents Names \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

9) How long have you lived at this address? \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Verified Pet Deposit \_\_\_\_\_ Verified Prior Rabies \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Declined \_\_\_\_\_

Officer Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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- 1) All applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Proof will be required.
- 2) All adoption animals that need to be spayed or neutered must be transported to a veterinarian of your choice prior to going home. Any cost above the voucher included in the adoption fee will be borne by the adopter.
- 3) Any deposits required by your landlord must be paid prior to your adoption application being approved, unless otherwise specified by your landlord. Verification from your landlord will be required.
- 4) It is your responsibility to know and abide by all Rutherford County Codes pertaining to animals.
- 5) Actions of animals are often unpredictable and animals should always be closely supervised when they are with children. Rutherford County P.A.W.S. makes no claim regarding the behavior or temperament of the animals placed for adoption.
- 6) Due to the fact that we handle thousands of animals each year, and we have no control over what an animal has been exposed to before coming to the shelter (which could include parvo or other serious diseases or illnesses), there are no guarantees that the animal will be completely healthy.

**RC PAWS has a vet on staff and we provide the best effort to have our vet examine all animals, but that is not guaranteed and does not substitute for the wellness exam highly recommended in line 7 (see below).**

- 7) It is highly recommended that the adopted animal be taken to a licensed veterinarian within 72 business hours (3 days) from the date of adoption for a wellness exam. If within ten days of the date the animal is taken home, a medical problem is discovered that you are unable to provide care for, you may return that pet to our facility and choose another pet. To be eligible to choose another pet, you must provide Rutherford County P.A.W.S. with a copy of your veterinarian's diagnosis and your adoption receipt.

I release and waive from liability or responsibility, Rutherford County P.A.W.S., and/or any employee thereof, in the event of any injury or damages to person or property caused either directly or indirectly by this animal.

I swear of affirm that I have answered the questions on this application truthfully and correctly to the best of my knowledge, have read all of the above information, and understand and agree to its contents.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_